I thought it fit to give a Press Statement so far as that is concerned: But now, I think you will kindly agree with me that it is not necessary to take it up on the floor of the House.

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

Re. Strik of the N.G. Os On 9-4-1974

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ, (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ) ಈ ಖಿನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖು ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರಿ ನೌಕರರ್ ಮಾಸ್ ರ್ಯಾಲಿ ಮಾಡುವರು, ೯ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಭಾರತದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳ ಸರಕಾರಿ ನೌಕರರ ಮುಷ್ಕರ ಮಾಡುವರು. ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದ ಮಟ್ಟದ ವೇತನ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಬೆಲೆ ಏರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಜೀವನಸಾಗಿಸುವುದು ದುರ್ಭರ ವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ನೌಕರರು ರಾಜ್ಯದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಮುಷ್ಕರ ಹೂಡಲಿರುವುದಂದ ಇಂದು ಅವರ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸಲು ಮನಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡುವಿರಾ ? ಸರಕಾರ ಅವರ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ೯ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಂದು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೌಕರರು ಇರುವ ಸಂಭವವಿಲ್ಲ ಇಡೀ ಸರಕಾರದ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಆಂದು ಬಂದಾಗುವುವು. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸರಕಾರ ಮುಂದಾಲೋಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಂಡು ಅವರ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸಲು ಮನಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡುವುದೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ —ಅವರು ನೋಟೀಸು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರದ ವೇತನಪಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನೂ ಹಲವಾರು ವಿಚಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಜಗಜಾಂತರವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆ ಇದನ್ನು ತೊಡೆದುಹಾಕಲು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಸೂಕ್ತ. ಎಷ್ಟೋ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಈ ರೀತಿಯಿದ್ದರೂ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Madam Speaker, if you permit me to make a statement on the subject raised by Sri Konandur Lingappa regarding the strike of Government servants from 9th April 1974; I shall do so.

Government have received information that Karnataka State Government Employees Associations propose to hold a meeting this evening in preparation for one day strike to be held on the 9th April 1974 in response to a call given by the All India Federation of Government Employees supported by the unions of the State Government Employees Association. The Association has written projecting certain demands relating to—

(a) steps to bring down prices of commodities

(b) salaries, dearness allowace and other emoluments ;

(c) service and certain conditions of service rules and

(d) certain other demands.

The action of the Association is entirely illegal Some of the matters raised by the Association are the problems which have to be dealt with on an All India basis. Some are not within the competence of the State Government.

As regards matters relating to salaries and allowances, Government had always been ready to discuss these matters the representatives of the Association.

Calling of a strike even for one day will not help to resolve the difficulties which the lower paid Government employees faced. The dislocation caused by such a strike will only serve to add to these difficulties. Such stoppage of work would go against the rule which govern the conduct of Government servants participating in such a strike. They are liable to disciplinary proceedings. It is hoped that the Association revises its attitude. I would appeal to all Government employees not to resort to such a strike.

Government have viewed their problems sympathetically and they should do nothing to mar the cordial spirit that characterises the relations between the Karnataka Government and its employees. So far as their salary, T.A. D.A on par with the Central Government are concerned I may inform the House that if we go one step, the Government of India go 10 steps. So, I think, the Hon'ble House will be one with me if I say that our finances are such that we have not been in a position to run along with the Government of India.

Madam Speaker, I wish to recall to the mind of the hon. members here, since several days particularly on demands like Irrigation and power and other demands, we have seen the anxiety of the Hon. House to provide more funds for these things. Inspite of our difficulties, we have done our very best to meet the demands of our employees to a very great extent. The pay scales and D. A. are being revised from time to time by the Government of India in respect of their employees. I do not have such resources with me. It has become extremely difficult for the Government to raise the allowances on par with the Government of India. Unless the Central Government takes an All India pattern decision for all the States, we cannot do anything in the matter. I have also stated in the meeting of the NDC that the salary disparities between the Government officers must be removed. They must take a policy decision in this whenever they feel that there is need for a rise in the pay scales of the Government of India servants, they must help the State Governments also. In what manner it should be possible to go some way if not full way, it is left to the Government of India, This unilaterial decision on the part of the Government of India. theoretically and constitutionally looks to be correct. The Government of India finances are different from the State finances. They say, 'that we are not in a position to meet your demands, it is your look out" This is an attitude which the Government of India has been taking not now, but eversince this question has been posed before them. But merely quoting constitution and keeping quiet will not solve the problem nor will it help the other State Governments to solve this difficult problem. This difficulty is not only with our State

but it is with respect to so many other States. This pay disparity is a problem which is of a bigger dimension and it is [illegible] for an individual State to solve this problem satisfactorily It is not possible to make a commitment that we are going to raise the salary and allowance to our employees each time the Government of India raises them in respect of their non gazetted officers. This has become an impossible problem for us. I would therefore appeal to our Government servants to see the whole situation in the context in which the Government of Karnataka is faced. I would request them not to resort to strike. This will not help to solve their difficulties.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಮಾತನಾಡುವಾಗ ಮಂಪ್ಕರ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲೀಗಲ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಡಿಸಿಪ್ಲಿನರಿ ಆಕ್ಷನ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೆವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಈಗಿನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏನು ಎಂದರೆ ೧೯೪೭ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ೪೫ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಬೇಸಿಕ್ ಸಂಬಳ ವಿದ್ದಾಗ ೪೫ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಪಲ್ಲ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ೧೨೫ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಬೇಸಿಕ್ ಸಂಬಳ ಆಗಿರುವಾಗಲೂ ೧೦೦ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೂ ೪೫ ಕಿಲೋ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I may inform my hon. friend Sri Lingappa that he is not the only sympathiser of the Government servants but the entire House is in sympathy with them, let there be no doubt about it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ಏರುತ್ತಿರುವುದನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವುದ ಕ್ಕಾಗದೆ ಮುಷ್ಕರ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲೀಗಲ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—This House is going to debate the food situation and price rise in our State, ಆಗ ಈ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹೇಳಿ.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Hon. Minister for Food may kindly move his demand for grant.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1974-75 DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

Demand No. 44—Food and Nutritions

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forest).—Madam, on the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move :

That a sum not exceeding Rs 90,39,48,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 44 "Food and Nutrition."

MADAM SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 90,39,48,000 inclusive of the sum granted 'on account' be granted to the Government to defray the